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SUBJ: ASSISTANT SECRETARY SCHAUFLE'S MEETING WITH

SENEGALESE PRIME MINISTER: OMVS

1. DURING JULY 16 CALL ON GOS PRIME MINISTER DIOUF, ASSISTANT SECRETARY SCHAUFLE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION THAT PRIME MINISTER HAD BEENABLE TO RECEIVE HIM IN SPITE OF JULY 15-16 OMVS SUMMIT IN DAKAR IN WHICH PRESIDENTS OF MAURITANIA AND MALI WERE PARTICIPATING. PRIME MINISTER RESPONDED WITH EXPRESSION OF THANKS FOR AID ASSISTANCE TO OMVS. AMB. SCHAUFLE SAID IT WAS SECRETARY'S POLICY TO INCREASE AMERICAN SUPPORT FOR OMVS AND SAHEL DEVELOPMENT AND WE EXPECTED THAT IT WOULD BE AUGMENTED ROUGHLY IN FASHION HE HAD OUTLINED DURING DAKAR VISIT IN MAY. NOTING THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES WERE GOOD, ASSISTANT SECRETARY SCHAUFLE SAID IT WAS OUR POLICY TO SUPPORT FRIENDS ABROAD WHO ARE HELPFUL TO US ON INTERNATIONAL PLANE. WE EXPECTED NO CHANGE IN THIS POLICY EVEN IF THERE WERE CHANGES IN U.S.

2. SCHAUFLE COMMENDED SENEGAL FOR LEADERSHIP AND SUPPORT IT HAS GIVEN EFFORTS TO DEVELOP SAHEL REGION. HE NOTED
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THAT AS FORMER AMBASSADOR TO UPPER VOLTA HE APPRECIATED

DIMENSIONS OF SAHEL PROBLEMS. PRIME MINISTER REMARKED THAT EYES IN SENEGAL WERE ON THE SKIES AGAIN THIS YEAR, AS THERE HAD AS YET BEEN NO RAINFALL IN DAKAR, ALTHOUGH THERE HAD BEEN SHOWERS IN SUBURBS.

3. SCHAUFEELE INQUIRED WHAT CONCRETE RESULTS WERE EXPECTED FROM OVS SUMMIT. PRIME MINISTER REPLIED THAT MEETING WOULD CONFIRM PROGRAM AND CALENDAR FOR YEARS AHEAD, INCLUDING COMMENCEMENT OF DIAMA DAM IN 1978 AND MANATALI DAM IN 1979. PRESIDENCY WAS CHANGING FROM SENGHOR TO MOUSSA TRAORE OF MALI, AND SENEGALESE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND WATER RESOURCES ADRIEN SENGHOR WOULD ASSUME PRESIDENCY OF COUNCIL OF MINISTERS. WITH 75 PERCENT OF FINANCING OBTAINED FOR FIRST PHASE OF OMVS SCHEME, REFLECTION WOULD NOW BEGIN ON "SECOND GENERATION OF DAMS." PRIME MINISTER SPOKE OF TOTAL UNDERSTANDING AND HEALTHY ATMOSPHERE AMONG PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES, AND ANTICIPATED THAT THERE WOULD BE RAPID PROGRESS. HE COMMENTED THAT PROBLEM OF GUINEA HAD RETARDED PROGRESS FOR LONG TIME IN PAST. PRIME MINISTER LISTED PAST POSTS HELD BY OMVS HIGH COMMISSIONER MAMADOU AW IN UNDP, ECA AND MALI GOVERNMENT, LAUDED HIM AS MEASURED, INTELLIGENT, MODERATE FIGURE IN WHOM SENEGAL PLACED MUCH CONFIDENCE.

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